

**PERSONAL MENTION**

R. Harris of Camp Jackson spent Sunday in town.

R. M. Jackson of Ohio spent Monday in town.

Walter Barefoot spent Sunday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. T. S. Richbourg spent Monday in Florence.

Miss Vieve Huggins has gone to her home in Nichols.

Sam Kirschbaum of Pittsburg, Pa., is in town this week.

A. B. Welch spent the week end in Columbia.

W. M. Brick spent Tuesday in Fayetteville on business.

W. Murchison spent Monday in Marion on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Resenba of Latta spent Sunday in town.

Miss Ruth Able spent the week end in Ohio with Miss Kate Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Blumberg and family spent Sunday in Tatum.

L. A. Tatum left Sunday for Washington, D. C.

Mrs. John R. Watson is in New York buying her spring line of ready to wear.

Miss Isla McKenzie and Rebecca Field Henslee returned home from Florence Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Berry of Hamlet spent Monday in town with relatives.

Miss Nina Alford, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston and Mrs. Phil Osteen left Saturday for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson spent the week end in Fayetteville with friends.

D. Worth McKinley, who has been in Chadbourn, N. C., for some time returned home Sunday night.

Miss Fannie Wilkes of Maxton, N. C., returned home Monday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dan Dillon.

Miss Mary McKenzie, who has been sick for some time, left Monday afternoon for the Charlotte hospital.

Messrs. J. R. Regan and John D. Regan, Misses Dot Regan and Fannie Gaddy spent Sunday in Lake View.

L. D. Lide and A. E. Woods, of the Marion Bar, were in town Monday on professional business.

Mr. W. H. Phillips of the Beaufort County Lumber Co., with headquarters at Fairmont, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Maynard Sellers and little son, DuBois, of Pittsfield, Mass., are spending some time with Mr. Sellers mother, Mrs. P. B. Sellers.

Mrs. Bruce Sellers left Friday for her home in Birmingham, Ala., after spending several weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wade Stackhouse.

Mrs. P. B. Sellers who has been spending some time with her son, P. B. Sellers in Birmingham, Ala., returned home Tuesday.

Dr. L. F. Johnson, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at McLeod's Infirmary, Florence, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Government income tax experts will be in Dillon February 19, 21, and 22 for the purpose of assisting people in filling out their income tax returns. They can be found in the grand jury room at the court house between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. during these days.

The pretty office building being erected by Gibson & Muller on the east side of Railroad avenue is almost completed. Messrs. Gibson & Muller will use the building for law offices. It is being constructed along modern lines and is the first office building in town to be equipped with steam heat.

The street sweeping machine recently purchased by Mayor Hamer was used for the first time last Friday and gave splendid results. The machine is to be used for sweeping the concrete paving on Main street. It is so equipped that it sprinkles and sweeps the streets at the same time, thus protecting not only the public but the merchandise in Main street stores from dust.

A surprise to their friends was the marriage on January 24th of Miss Ruth Monroe and Roy Hamilton. Miss Monroe is from Rockfish, N. C. She is an efficient trained nurse and is well known in Dillon. Mr. Hamilton was with the 31st Division in France during the late war and is now connected with the Palmetto Hardware Co. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are making their home at the Blum Apartment House.

The only sale at the court house last Monday was a master's sale. In the case of J. R. McLaurin against W. H. L. McLaurin and others. The home place of the late Laurin Bethea, known as the Fettle Bethea place, five miles out from Latta on the Buck Swamp road, was sold for division. It was bid in by Mrs. Kittle Sutherland for the sum of \$12,480.00. The place contains 100 acres, 80 of which are cleared and in a high state of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Jackson and Mrs. J. A. Moore spent Sunday in Red Springs.

Judge McRae had quite a thrilling experience Monday afternoon when his horse became frightened and dashed down Harrison street at a break neck speed. The animal turned the corner at Mr. F. M. Niernsie's residence and ran over a baby carriage, but fortunately Mrs. Niernsie had just taken the baby out. Judge McRae turned the horse into a tree in front of Mrs. Mason's residence. Judge McRae has owned the horse for quite a while and this is the first time he has had any trouble with him.

**Presbyterian Church Notice.**

Sunday school 10 a. m., N. H. Sprunt, Superintendent. Divine worship with preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Jr. C. E. at 3 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:15 p. m. At 11 a. m. the pastor will preach a "special" sermon to parents. He requests the presence of all. Strangers and friends welcome to all services. Pews free.

**Boquets for Dr. Duncan.**

Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor of the Main street Methodist church, is being honored elsewhere as well as in Dillon. He has recently had a very flattering offer to go on the Chautauqua platform. Of course, Doctor Duncan decided not to accept, as it would take him out of the regular ministry, which he considers the greatest work on earth, but the offer is appreciated by him and his friends generally. Dr. Duncan is loved and honored in Dillon. A gentleman who attended services at the Main street church last Sunday remarked after the service that he had heard the leading preachers in New York, Washington and other cities, and he had never heard a sermon superior to the one he heard last Sunday by Doctor Duncan.

**Services At The Methodist Church.**

Main Street Methodist Church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the Pastor.

Morning Subject: "The Vicarious Life".

Evening Subject: "The Story Of A Lost Battle".

Prayer Services on Wednesday at 4 P. M.

Public cordially invited to all services.

The Stewards will meet for a few moments immediately after the morning service. A full attendance is urged.

**STOLE FORD SEDAN.**

John Sellers, a negro driver in the service of W. B. Sanders, ran away Saturday night with Mr. Sanders' Ford sedan and has not been heard from since, although Mr. Sanders has made diligent enquiry throughout the Pee Dee section. Sellers had been in Mr. Sanders' employ about a week and appeared to be an honest, energetic negro. He left here Saturday night with a passenger for Latta and when he failed to show up Spnday morning Mr. Sanders became suspicious and began an investigation. He received word that a negro was found dead under a wrecked Ford sedan near Mullins, but so far he has not been able to verify the story. Sellers left a wife who is a cook at a local hotel.

**The Improvement Club Meets.**

Although Friday afternoon was dreary and a cold with occasional showers quite a good number of members met and gathered around the large stove in the school auditorium for the February meeting of the Improvement Club. The president, Mrs. L. C. Cottingham, called the meeting to order at four o'clock. Following the reading of minutes by Mrs. W. C. Moore, the secretary, the treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Hamer, gave a good report. The chairman of different departments were asked for reports of work done. Those reporting were Mrs. Joe P. Lane, chairman of Civics. Mrs. Lane told of different plans of her committees for beautifying the court house grounds and some near unsightly spots by planting flowers. Mrs. Lute Bethea of the school committee stated that scenery that had been ordered for the auditorium stage would soon be installed and that the teachers have planned to give a play. Mrs. L. C. Braddy, chairman of the committee appointed to see whether Dillon folks were paying more for their groceries than in other towns stated that prices here were just about the same.

Prof. W. D. Roberts made a short talk in which he spoke of different methods of improving the school grounds. It was decided to hold "Clean Up" day shortly before the meeting of the County Federation which will probably be about April 9th.

It was found necessary to elect a new vice-president owing to the illness of Mrs. S. C. Henslee and Mrs. L. C. Braddy was elected.

The president stated her decision to add a new department to the club that of a music department. Mrs. J. R. Watson was asked to serve as chairman and it is quite certain that the club will derive much pleasure and benefit from this new feature.

After the adjournment of business Mrs. R. C. Banks, a new member delighted the members with a vocal solo "Absent," followed by the reading of a paper by Mrs. John Hargrove "What Women Can do to Raise Public Standards." The author of this paper is unknown but was one considered to be the best in a number of papers submitted to the District Federation, upon the offering of a prize for the best paper on this subject.

**R. B. TABER,**  
Publicity Chairman.

Police in the large cities appear to find it easier to drive the crooks out than to capture them.

**STACKHOUSE-REYNOLDS.**

The Ohio correspondent of the Pee Dee Advocate says:

A marriage coming as a great surprise to his friends here was that of Mr. Douglas Stackhouse to Miss Reynolds of Lamar, which took place last week at the residence of Dr. R. E. Stackhouse in Melrose Heights, Columbia. Mr. Stackhouse is a law student at the University, while his bride was a member of the Junior class at Chicora College. They will make Columbia their home. Friends here wish them a long life of happiness together.

**Honor Roll Little Rock School.**

The following is the honor roll of the Little Rock School for January:

1st Grade—Louise Perry, Prentice Proctor, J. D. Calhoun.

2nd Grade—Irene Driggers, Kathleen Hasty.

4th Grade—Ruth Huggins, Elizabeth James.

5th Grade—Hortense James.

6th Grade—Edith Stanton.

7th Grade—Ida Vick Hargrove.

**D. A. R. MEETING.**

One of the largest meetings of the Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R., has had in some time was held on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. James M. Sprunt. The chapter is planning to celebrate Washington's birthday with an entertainment held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Wheeler. After the adjournment of business the meeting was turned over to the chairman, Mrs. C. R. Taber, who read a paper, "Washington, the Soldier." The next number was by Mrs. L. Cottingham, a visitor to the chapter, who gave a delightful sketch of Washington and his mother. "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by John McCormac on the Edison ended the program. Hot chocolate with nabiscos and preserved ginger was served by the hostess and Mesdames L. R. Craig and Annie Bransford.

**SAYS MCADDO WILL TAKE OVER MEXICAN RAILROADS.**

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 8.—Former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo is in Mexico for the purpose of taking charge of the reorganization and reconstruction of the National railways of Mexico, according to an announcement today by Lio Antonio Campansuno, who represented the Mexican minister of communication at the convention of the Confederate Mexican Chambers of Commerce, which yesterday closed its session here.

**ACREAGE REDUCTION OF COTTON VITAL.**

Says Not to Heed Warning Will Be to Invite Bankruptcy and Disaster.

Declaring that the time has come when the truth regarding the cotton situation must be driven home to every farmer in the State, the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association has issued a statement appealing to every organization in South Carolina to assist it in its efforts to secure an acreage reduction in the state this year.

Statistics are given which tend to show that on the 1st of next August before a bale of the 1921 crop is picked, there will be on hand a surplus of over 9,000,000 bales, or almost a one year crop. It is declared that the planting of anything like a normal acreage in cotton this year will be a simple suicidal business policy not alone for farmers but for every business interest in the South. For this reason it is declared that the business and professional men should be active in the movement to secure acreage reduction.

"The gravity of the situation confronting the South as regards the planting of another cotton crop and the apprehension on our part that there are thousands of people in our State who do not comprehend just what we are up against impels us to issue this appeal to the farmers, business and professional men of South Carolina," says the statement issued by the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association.

"We feel that, it is our duty to place the facts squarely before them, as startling as they are, in order that every organized agency in the state may join with us in our efforts to see to it that no farmer in South Carolina plants over one-third of his cultivated land in cotton this year. To do otherwise will be to invite disaster and financial bankruptcy.

**An Alarming Feature.**

"One of the most alarming features of the present situation is that there are so many who contend that they cannot meet the requirements of the association that they plant only one-third of their land in cotton. They seem not to stop to consider that it would perhaps be better that they plant no cotton at all than to plant it and be forced to sell next fall in a price far below the cost of production, which we believe they will surely have to do if over a one-half crop is raised this year. To those who still have their last year's crop on hand we would say that present indications are that they would profit by not planting a bale because a half-crop this year would mean that they would get more for their last year's crop than they would get for last year's crop and this year's crop combined if over a half crop is planted this year.

"Now what are the facts about the cotton situation? Here they are and we hope every farmer in South Carolina, white and colored, who can read will read them and that somebody will read them to every one that cannot read:

"On August 1, 1920, there was a surplus of American cotton on hand, according to Hester, of 6,086,000 bales.

"The ten year average amount of American cotton on hand August 1 is 1,200,000 bales.

"It is thus seen that the surplus on

hand on last August 1 was almost six times larger than the average amount on hand at that time.

"The probable amount of surplus cotton on hand on August 1, 1921, is estimated by those who are in good position to know, at over 9,000,000 bales or almost a one-year crop.

"The greatest consumption of every American cotton ever known in one year was 15,000,000 bales. Ten year average of consumption of American cotton prior to the great war was 13,000,000 bales. With so many of the foreign mills shut down you may figure yourself as to how much will be consumed this year.

"The American crop of 13,000,000 bales this year indicates a world supply of all kinds of cotton, including American of 29,000,000 bales.

**Cotton Carried Over.**

"The world carry-over including American cotton, may reach a total of 13,000,000 bales.

"The world during the first present year is not likely to consume more than 15,000,000 bales.

"These are the facts. The figures are startling but we believe they are correct. They were prepared by the cotton acreage reduction committee at Memphis, Tenn., appointed by the great convention of bankers, farmers and merchants held at Memphis. This committee consulted with the best posted cotton in the world.

"There is one point which we desire to stress regarding the pledges. They do not require a farmer to cut his acreage 50 per cent. They merely require that he plant only one third of his cultivated land in cotton. If he has not been planting over one third the pledge does not affect him at all. Nevertheless we desire every farmer, whether the pledge affects him or not, to sign the pledge because we desire to announce that a definite number of farmers have signed. This announcement followed by a similar announcement from each of the other cotton states will show the world that the south is in earnest this time and will have good effect on the market.

"The situation is so serious that we appeal to every farmer, every merchant, every banker, every professional man; to every newspaper, every chamber of commerce and state wide organization to join in the fight. We believe that the other states are going to reduce. Reports indicate that they certainly will. Whether they do or not, South Carolina should. If we reduce and they do not, we will have no cause for regret—indeed we would then have to congratulate ourselves. But they are going to reduce and we must keep faith with them."

**District Court of the United States Eastern District of South Carolina In Bankruptcy**

In the Matter of W. C. Parham, Bankrupt.

To the Creditors of the said W. C. Parham, in the County of Dillon, and District aforesaid, Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, A. D. 1921, the said W. C. Parham was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first



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Our Christmas Club is not merely a convenience to help our little friends deposit money; it is for BIG BUSINESS MEN who want or should want to deposit money REGULARLY and ACCUMULATE a nice fat sum without ever "feeling" it.

You can put in \$5 a week; in 50 weeks you have \$250  
You can put in \$10 a week; in 50 weeks you have \$500  
You can put in \$20 a week; in 50 weeks you have \$1,000  
Don't stop then. Put in FIFTY or a HUNDRED dollars a week and in 50 weeks accumulate \$2,500 or \$5,000.

Do this for FIVE YEARS let the money STAY in our bank and see what it will amount to—why, it's a FORTUNE.

Put every one of your family in the Club. Read the following plans:

INCREASING CLUB PLAN	
Put in 1c, 2c, 5c, or 10c the first week. INCREASE your deposit 1c, 2c, 5c or 10c each week. In 50 weeks:	
1c Club pays \$12.75	5c Club pays \$ 63.75
2c Club pays \$25.50	10c Club pays \$127.50

EVEN AMOUNT CLUB PLAN	
Put in the SAME AMOUNT each week. In 50 weeks:	
25c Club pays \$12.50	\$2.00 Club pays \$100.00
50c Club pays \$25.00	\$5.00 Club pays \$250.00
\$1.00 Club pays \$50.00	\$10.00 Club pays \$500.00
\$20.00 Clubs pays \$1,000.00	

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Dillon, South Carolina

meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Gibson & Muller, attorneys at Dillon, S. C., on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1921 at 12 o'clock noon; at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Notice is further given that at this meeting the sale of the personal property, fixtures, stock in trade, choses in action, etc., will be considered without further notice to creditors. Claims must be filed in the manner and form required by the rules of the supreme court.

ROBERT J. KIRK,  
Referee in Bankruptcy  
Florence, S. C., January 29, 1921.

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